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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Diana:

It was a pleasure talking with you today. As I indicated, we received your request dated February 19, 2010, pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

The Macon County Auditor has responded to your FOIA request by letter dated February 24, 2010. It purports to respond to Items I, II, III, V, and IX. It does not answer Items IV, VI, VII, or VIII.

There has been a flurry of emails going around among the other counties about what you are specifically requiring by way of a response and what is not necessary, and my objective in talking with you was to clarify what you are wanting.

Macon County officer holders, department heads, and employees, do not actively engage in any lobbying. We do pay dues to associations that we know or assume are involved in lobbying, and the Auditor's letter seeks to respond with that information.

However, in order to ascertain whether or not any employee has had any communication whatsoever with any such association would require me to contact all 500 plus employees with a list of the associations, and ask them to review their email over the past year for any contacts. Such an effort would be extremely time consuming. Based on our discussions, such an effort will not be necessary at this time. If you later find that the Auditor's response is not sufficient, please let me know and we will do all we can to fully comply with any information you may need to complete your research.

Thank you for your understanding, and good luck on your project.

Sincerely,

Randall D. Waks
Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division